

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2.	Tiruchchirappalli- Thanjavur-Nagore-Karaikal	200	109.00	2300	17.00	-
3.	Tuticorin-Dindigul (Madurai-Dindigul parallel BG)	198	-	-	-	Completed.
4.	Yeshwantpur-Hossur (46 kms.)	26	-	-	-	Completed.
5.	Hossur-Salem	151	-	-	-	Completed.

[Translation]

#### Construction of Overbridge

953. SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of railway crossings in Satna district of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the number of such crossing on which underbridges or overbridges are proposed to be constructed; and

(c) the reasons for not constructing such bridges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) 57 Nos.

(b) 2 Nos.

(c) Those level crossings which qualify for replacement on cost sharing basis between railway and State Government have to be sponsored by the State Government. Others have to be proposed by the State Government on deposit terms. No such further proposals have been received.

[English]

#### Serials

954. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL :  
SHRI SANAT MEHTA :  
SHRI VIJAY GOEL :  
SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the details of serials approved by the Government/Doordarshan for telecast during each of the last three years;

(b) the details of serials so approved and telecast on National Network;

(c) the details of approved serials not telecast so far;

(d) the details of serials pending for approval;

(e) the time by which all the pending serials are likely to be approved and telecast;

(f) whether serials for this year have also been selected;

(g) whether complaints have been received regarding approval of serials; and

(h) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (h) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

#### Amount Outstanding against AI

955. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity and value of oil taken on credit by the Air India from Bharat Petroleum and Indian Oil Companies during the last six months and the outstanding amount to be paid by Air India to the above companies for the earlier period; and

(b) the time by which the said amount is likely to be paid to these companies?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) From May to October, 1996, Air India bought 79379 KLS Air Turbine Fuel (ATF) from Indian Oil and 35792 KLS ATF from Bharat Petroleum. The amount payable (as on 24.2.97) to Indian Oil and Bharat Petroleum is Rs. 58.21 crores and Rs. 23.09 crores respectively. These outstandings are likely to be paid by Air India in the next about eight months.

[English]

#### Kamalpur Post Office in U.P.

956. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Kamalpur post office of Kanpur city, Uttar Pradesh is lying closed almost every day for a month;

(b) if so, the details alongwith reasons therefor;

(c) whether the post master is unable to open the post office daily as he has to attend the district magistrates, thereby causing lot of inconvenience to the village; and

(d) if so, the details of the action required to be taken to deal with the above situation?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No Sir.

(b) to (d) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

### Posting of Civil Wing Officers

957. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether most of the officers working in the Civil Wing, Telecommunications and in the office of the Chief General Manager (Maintenance) Northern Telecom Region, Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. are enjoying permanent posting in Delhi because of their personal connections;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the time by which the officials holding various posts in Delhi Station for a long time would be transferred to other stations; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Transfers and postings of officers are presently done on administrative grounds only. Officers from and to Delhi are posted taking into consideration not only their length and stay but also other criteria like their grade, administrative and technical requirements etc. Hence no specific time limit can be specified.

[Translation]

### Telephone Service in Bihar

958. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether rural telephone service (MARR System) in Saharsa and Supoul districts of Bihar is lying out of order;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any complaints have been received in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(e) whether there is any scheme to grant rebate in telephone bills of subscribers for the duration in which the lines remained out of order;

(f) whether charges/bills under Rural Telephone Service (MARR System) are less as compared to general telephones;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 7 MARR base stations are non-functional in Saharsa & Supoul revenue districts in Bihar.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Some complaints for non-working of MARR telephones have been received. These faults could not be set right so far as it is not possible to repair the same locally. Action has been taken to get the faulty units repaired from the equipment manufacturers.

(e) Yes, Sir. There is a scheme to grant rebate in rental for telephones where the service to the subscriber remains interrupted continuously for seven days or more due to departmental reasons.

(f) to (h) Local and Trunk calls from all Village Public Telephones including those provided on MARR systems are charged at 50% of the normal tariff.

### Beedi Workers

959. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have introduced Group Insurance Scheme for those Beedi workers who are not the members of the Provident Fund in which in case of death of the insured worker the dependents get claim amount of Rs. 3000 to Rs. 25000 only;

(b) whether Life Insurance Corporation of India, Welfare Commission, Labour Ministry are depriving lakhs of dependents of the beedi workers of the said benefit, intentionally, due to not insurance of Identity Card to those workers; and

(c) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to solve the above problem?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. As a matter of fact, under Rule 41 of the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund Rules, 1978, the responsibility for issue of identity cards to the beedi workers is cast upon the employers. However, as the employers do not usually come forward to fulfil this obligation, the Labour Welfare Organisation of Ministry of Labour have taken up the task of issue of identity cards to the beedi workers on priority basis and have also fixed a monthly target for issue of 250 identity cards by each dispensary. Besides, the State Governments have been requested to launch special drives in association with Welfare Commissioners so that all beedi workers are properly identified and issued Identity Cards to enable them get benefits of the Group Insurance Scheme and also other Welfare schemes. As a result of this, out of 42.50 lakhs estimated number of beedi workers in the country 32,92,914 beedi workers have so far been issued identity cards.